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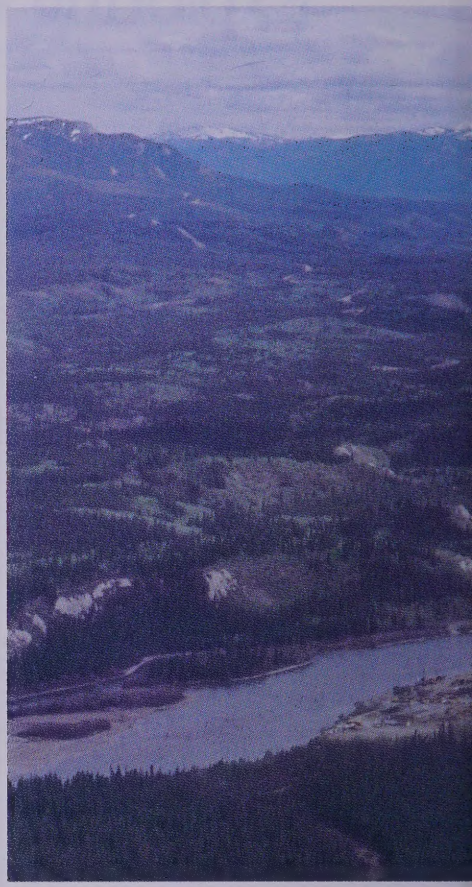
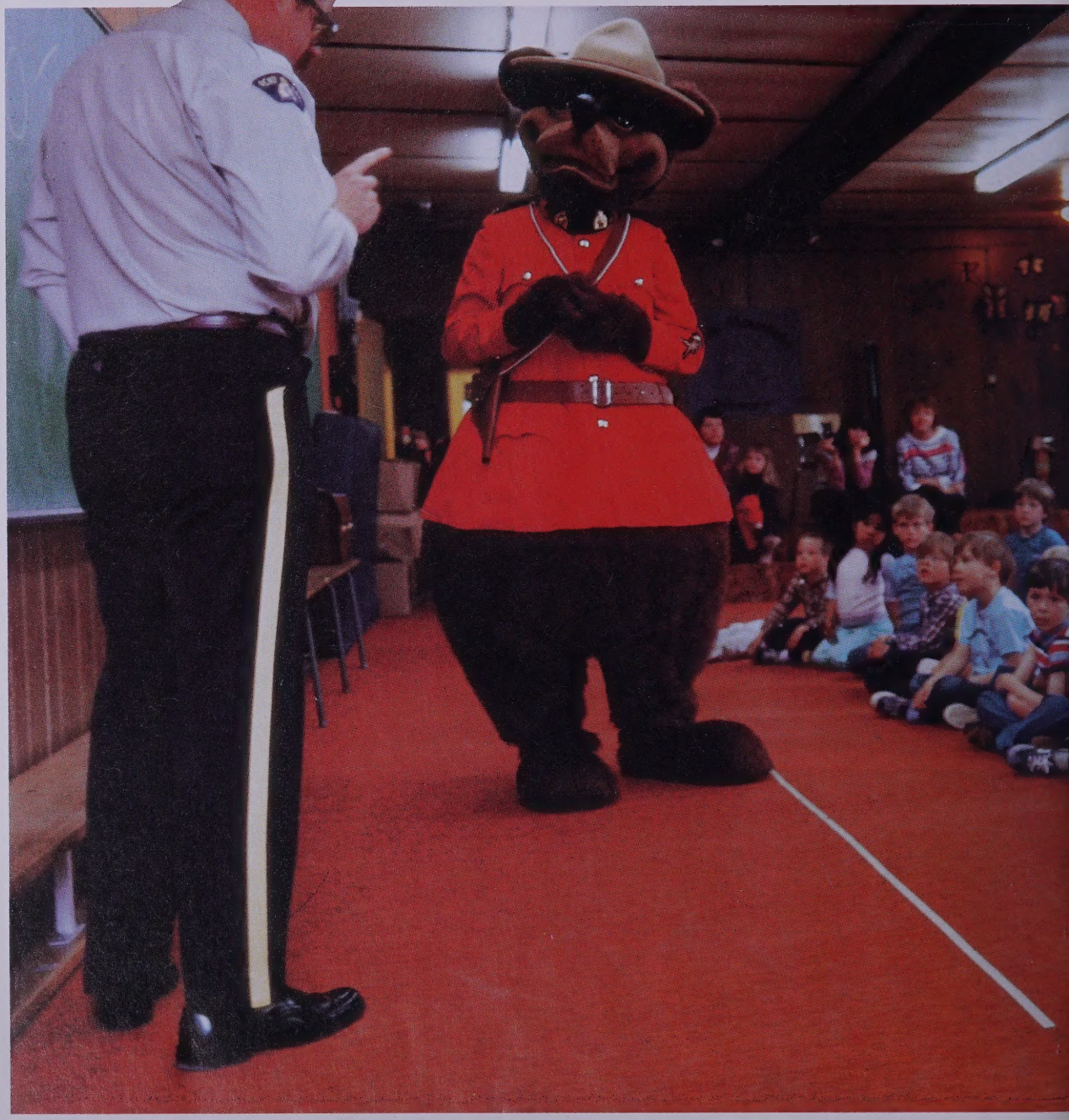


Hi, my name is Kim Quoc. I live in Whitehorse. Whitehorse is the capital of the Yukon Territory.

I came to Whitehorse on an airplane. I saw the Yukon River and the mountains from the window of the plane. It was exciting.

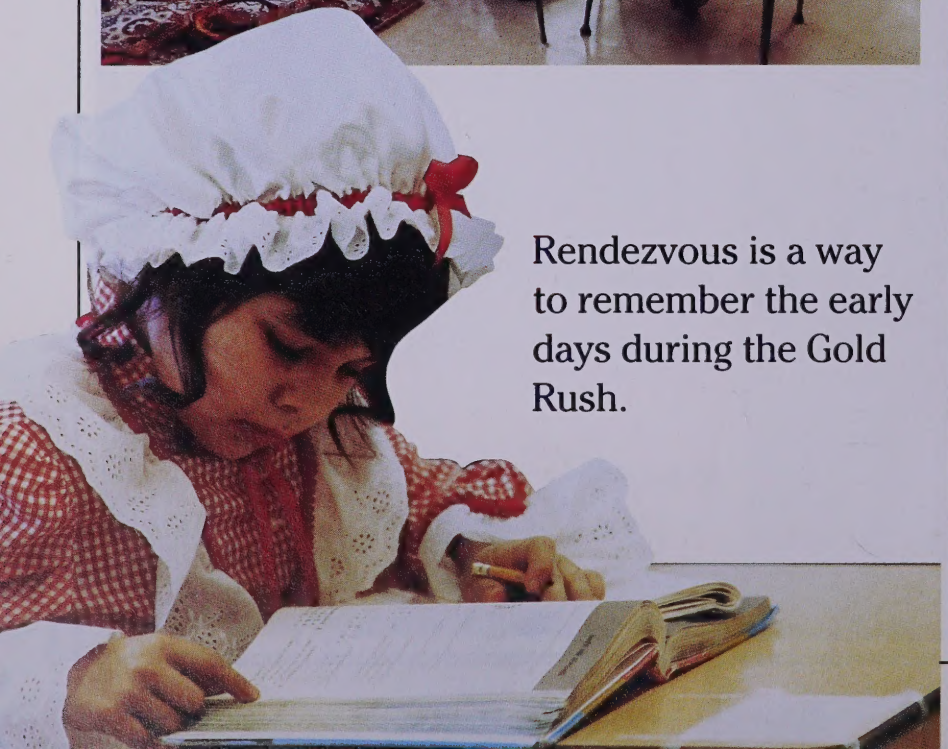


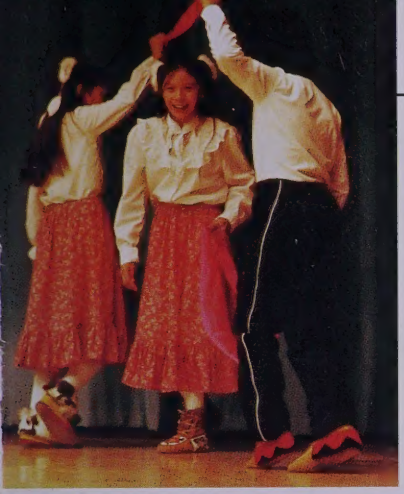
This is my school. I arrived at a good time. Safety Bear was visiting. He came in a police car.

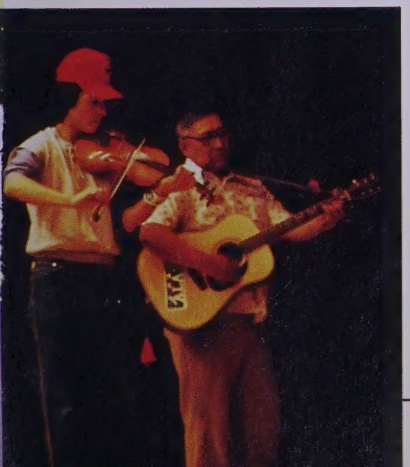
Safety Bear told us about safety. He asked us to think of other people who help to protect us. I learned about the safety patrol.

Here are some of my new friends. They are dressed up for a special celebration called Rendezvous.

Rendezvous is a way to remember the early days during the Gold Rush.

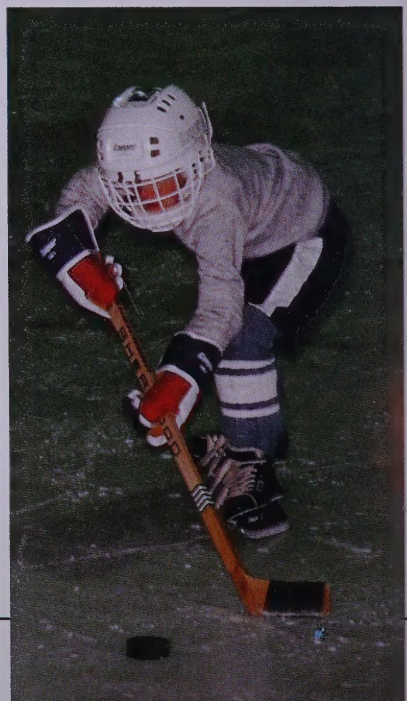






My friends tell me about all the things to see and do during Rendezvous. It sounds like fun.

I ask my friends about other things to do in Whitehorse. They tell me about the new swimming pool. I'm happy that we can go swimming all year round.



My friends also play hockey and figure skate at the arena. I'll have to learn to skate so that I can play hockey, too.

But first I want to learn how to ski. Next year I can join my friends in the Jack Rabbit ski program. I'd like to ski along the trails with them.

Today my class is going on a field trip. Our first stop is a visit to a boat called the *Klondike*. "Why isn't it in the water?" I ask.

My teacher says that this kind of boat isn't used any more. It is called a paddlewheeler. She says that tourists come to see it now. The inside is exactly the way it used to be when the *Klondike* travelled on the Yukon River.

We just have time to play in the park before we continue our trip.

We see the train station at the end of the street. "The trains used to bring people from Alaska to Whitehorse," says my teacher. "Now the trains don't run any more, but tourists like to visit the station."

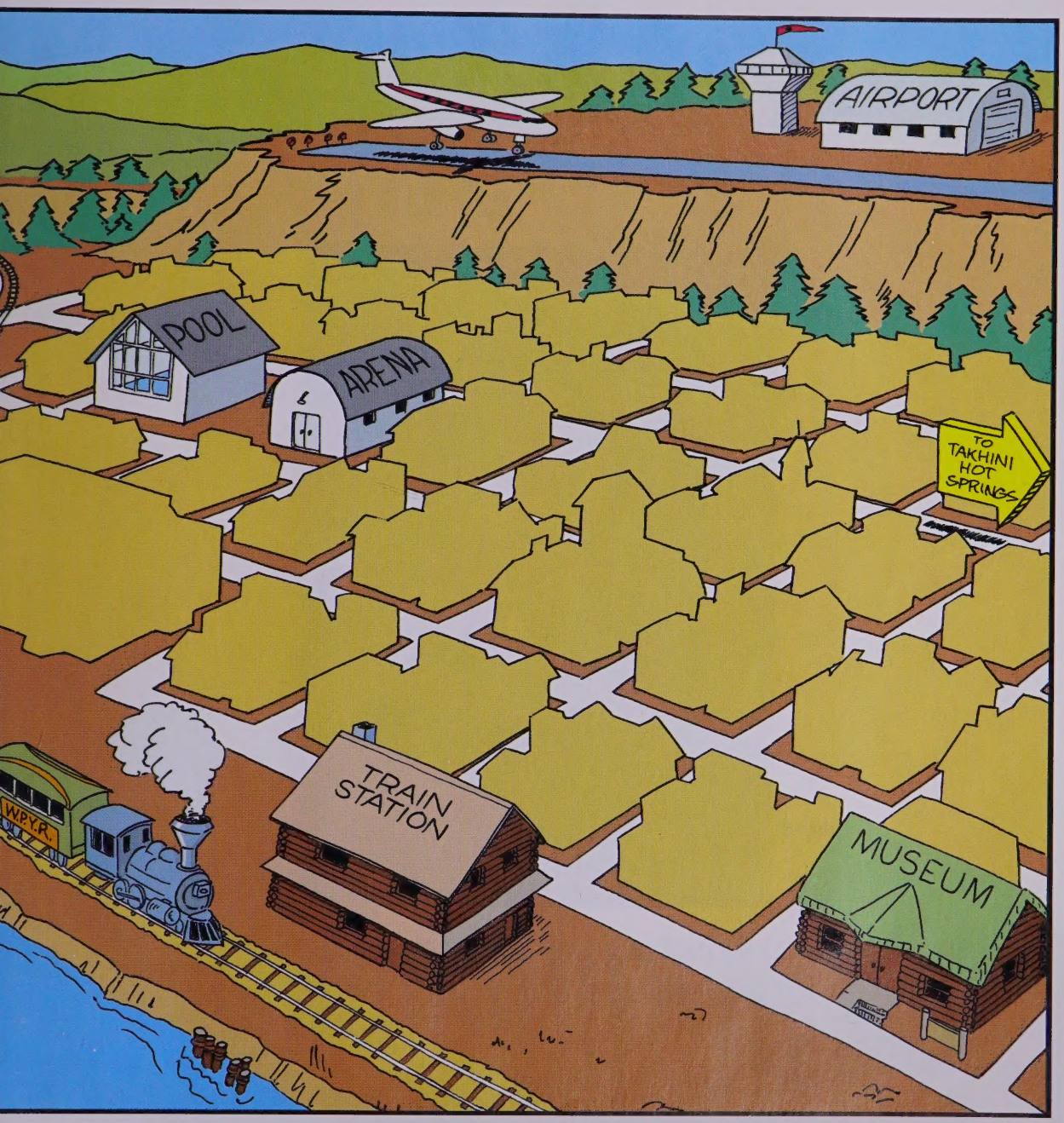
My teacher says that tourists like to visit the museum, too.

The surprise for us at the end of the trip is a swim in Takhini Hot Springs.

My teacher says you can swim here even in the middle of winter.

When we are ready to go home, we each get a city map.

I will mark all the places we saw. Then I can show my family where we went today.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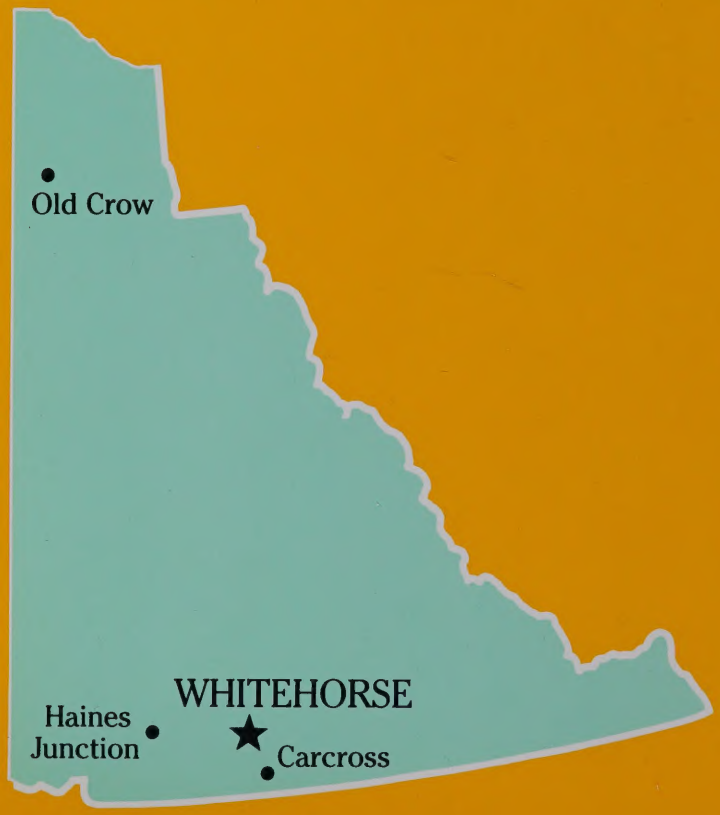

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